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Representative Kathy Angerer P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative Angerer:

The Michigan Women's Commission is proud to support House Bills 5171 and 5322 "HPV Vaccinations for 6th Grade Girls". The bills would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to identify materials about human papillomavirus and immunization for it, notify schools of the availability of the materials, and encourage schools to make the information available to parents. The bills would also amend the Revised School Code to require a school board to include information about HPV and the HPV vaccine if the board provided information on school health issues to the parents of students in or entering the 6th grade.

The Michigan Women's Commission supports establishing a preventative measure to help protect 6th grade girls against HPV that can cause cervical cancer. Thank you for holding a hearing on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Judy Karandjeff
Executive Director